

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 JIDDA 01548 041413Z

43

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W

----- 010943

O R 041400Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE

SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 442

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1548

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, SA, LY

SUBJECT: COLONEL QADHAFI'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: (A) JIDDA 496

(B) STATE 22596

1. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MARCH 3 PRINCE SULTAN (MODA) TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT COLONEL QADHAFI OF LIBYA WAS COMING TO SAUDI ARABIA TO VISIT KING FAISAL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

2. SULTAN SAID THAT ON MARCH 1, A CERTAIN AHMAD AL-MAQSABI, SPECIAL ENVOY SENT BY QADHAFI, CALLED ON HIM. THE MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO CHECK WITH SULTAN ON WHETHER KING FAISAL WOULD RECEIVE THE LIBYAN LEADER SHOULD THE LATTER COME TO CALL ON HIS MAJESTY.

3. SULTAN REPLIED TO AL-MAQSABI, THAT IT WAS A STRANGE QUESTION CONSIDERING KING FAISAL'S PERSONAL TRADITION OF NOT TURNING DOWN FRIENDLY VISITS\* HE SAID HE WOULD CHECK AND LET MAQSABI KNOW.

4. THE ANSWER GIVEN TO MAQSABI WAS POSITIVE AND SAG SET THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1975 AS THE DATE FOR QADHAFI'S VISIT.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 JIDDA 01548 041413Z

5. SULTAN CONFIDED TO AMBASSADOR THAT THE DATE WAS CAREFULLY CHOSEN SO AS TO COME AFTER "THE GOOD COLONEL" MIGHT CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN INFLUENCING SAUDI ARABIA'S ATTITUDE AT THE CONFERENCE. SULTAN, HOWEVER, GAVE TO AL-MAQSABI THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AS THE REASON FOR NOT RECEIVING QADHAFI SOONER.

6. SULTAN MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF HE COULD BE INFORMED ASAP OF ANY FURTHER WORD USG MIGHT HAVE FOR HIM ON C-130'S FOR LARG (REF A). AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD PASS SULTAN'S QUERY BACK TO WASHINGTON.

7. SULTAN CONCLUDED "PERHAPS WE COULD HELP QADHAFI RETAIN THE REMAINING 5 PERCENT OF HIS SANITY IF HE HEDEED FAISAL'S COUNSEL\*"

8. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON STATUS OF C-130'S TO LARG.  
AKINS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 04 MAR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** woolflhd  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975JIDDA01548  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750075-0408  
**From:** JIDDA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750385/aaaacysk.tel  
**Line Count:** 80  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 75 JIDDA 496  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** woolflhd  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 30 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <30 JUL 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <02 DEC 2003 by woolflhd>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** COLONEL QADHAFI'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA  
**TAGS:** OTRA, SA, LY  
**To:** TRIPOLI STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006